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PILGRIMS GOING TO CHURCH

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In Memoriam

The Rev. Charles E. Henry, a minister for 53 years, passed away in a Kansas City hospital on October 16, after an illness of more than two months. Mr. Henry's home was at Hiawatha where he had served our church for 14 years and had also given part time service to Muscotah.

Before coming to Hiawatha, he had served churches at Arkansas City, Parsons, Garnett and Kansas City. Surviving are his widow and three grown sons.

A New Hymn

Stirred by the presentation of "Measure of a Moment" at the Omaha General Council in June, the Reverend Louis G. Poppe of Whitewater, returned to his hotel room and wrote this hymn, "The Cause of Christ I Make My Own." Tune Azmon.

The cause of Christ I make my own,
The Cross of Christ I bear;
The measure of each moment is
His call to love and care.

The cause of Christ, His Kingdom's goal,
For which I live or die,
Shall claim the full devotion of
My life in sure reply.

The cause of Christ, like seed that's sown
To grow in wind and sun,
Will surely win through storm and doubt,
And all mankind be one.

That cause of Christ I shall make known,
To men who long to see,
That they may make His way their own,
To all eternity.

General Council Slides

A set of 20 slides, portraying high lights of the historic General Council meeting held at Omaha in June, is available at the Conference Office. A script giving interpretative notes accompanies the slides. Why not have the delegates near you report to your church and show these slides?

Martin Installation

Eastern Association will convene at Kansas City Welborn on November 18 for the purpose of installing the Rev. Kenneth M. Martin as Minister of the church.

At four o'clock in the afternoon the Council will hear the presentation of background, experience and belief of Mr. Martin. A courtesy dinner will be followed by the service of installation at 8:00 P.M. Dr. Rymph will bring the message on "Our Mutual Ministry".

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President Eisenhower: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in a final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed."

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A Meditation On Thanksgiving

"O give thanks unto the Lord, even our God
For all his goodness unto us;
For the wonders of his counsel and his might
And for his great deliverance;
For the precious things of the fruits of the sun,
And for the precious things of the growth of the moons;
And for the chief things of the ancient mountains,
And for the precious things of the everlasting hills;
*Yea, for the precious things of the earth and the fullness thereof."**

That first Thanksgiving of the Pilgrims of the Plymouth Colony in 1621 was a time of real rejoicing in spite of the undercurrent of sorrow for those who had died. The weekly ration of one peck of meal from the Mayflower's stores was increased by a peck of corn from the first harvest. Game, fish, and fruit were plentiful. A time for feasting and relaxing was set and the friendly Indians were invited to come.

The next year there was no celebration, as the crops were too meager for rejoicing or hospitality, but in 1623 a day of Thanksgiving was set aside by the Governor as a day of prayer. It was not so much a harvest festival as a time of deep thankfulness to God that the Colony had been saved from drought and starvation.

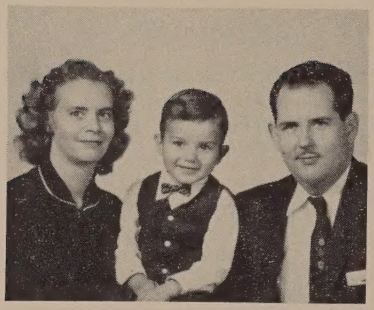
Feasting and prayer! Both are a part of Thanksgiving as we know it. Sometimes the turkey and "fixings" completely overshadow any sense of the religious significance of the day. When that happens we are the losers. For something within us reminds us that our blessings come from God. So our gratitude goes out to him. And we want to share our day of Thanksgiving with others. We put in the extra leaves in the dining table and widen the circle to include a newcomer or visitor from a foreign country, or some one who would otherwise be lonely on that day. Then as "we gather together to ask the Lord's blessing," who knows what miracle may happen.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
God has blessed us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!
—Psalm 67:6-7 RSV

—Frances K. Chalmers

* From "An American Psalm of Thanksgiving" compiled and composed by Rev. Sheppard Knapp, Jr., published in The Congregationalist Handbook Series, April 1899.

From—"THE CHURCH WOMAN"



Rev. and Mrs. Richard T. Wentling and David

Muscotah Calls Minister

On October 7, the Rev. Richard T. Wentling, student at Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, candidated at our Muscotah Church. On that same day he received a call to become the minister of the church, accepted the call and began his ministry.

Early in November, Mrs. Wentling and David Thomas, age three, moved from Omaha to Muscotah where they will make their home. Mr. Wentling will continue his seminary work in Kansas City in addition to serving the church.

Mr. Wentling became interested in the ministry while serving in the Armed Forces in an isolated area in Japan where no chaplain was available. He did supply and interim preaching at McKinley Park Baptist Church in Omaha before starting to Seminary in September.

Circuit Rider On TV

Word from Leila Anderson informs us that "The Pilgrim Circuit Rider" will appear on the NBC television program, "Home" by Arlene Frances on Wednesday morning, January 16, at 10:00 A.M.

Racial Integration In Kansas

The State Council for Social Action Committee has been asked by our National office to conduct a survey of our metropolitan areas (counties with a city of 50,000 or more) to determine our present practices of and attitudes toward racial integration. This study is being made with outlines provided by the National office. The purpose as stated is "to find out the extent of racial integration within the Congregational Christian churches of the urban centers and to assess the general experience of our churches toward the development of an inclusive fellowship. It is an effort to determine factually where we are and to distil from this experience, clues that may help to chart the way ahead. The two primary sources of information will be the minister of the local church and the key church officer . . . It should be made clear that this is not an effort to point the finger of guilt or omission at any person or church within our fellowship. We are engaged in an honest and constructive effort to explore the status of the present situation."

The Social Action Committee has asked Guy Gebhardt to make this study and he is now engaged in the task. There are seventeen churches included in the list: Kansas City has six, Topeka five, and there are seven in the Wichita area. All information gathered will be confidential. It will be used in making up a picture of our integration program as a denomination in America. The study may well be a "bench mark" against which we can measure future progress.

Welcome

Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Ewing of Lawrence, born October 27.

CHRISTMAS IS FOR GIVING AND SHARING

How many of us are selling Christmas short to our children? How many of us crowd out the Christ Child in our eagerness to give only material joys to our children? Christmas is a giving time, a story time, a singing time. Let's make the most of it!

Gifts For Shut-Ins

Why not have one department of your Sunday School or your youth group have a simple Christmas workshop where they make gifts for shut-ins in your community? They need not be elaborate. Let me suggest only a few possibilities . . . . Winter centerpieces made by spraying small branches, seed pods, cat-tails, etc., with silver or gold . . . Gum drop trees made with gay colored candies . . . . Girls can bake Christmas cookies while boys decorate containers for them . . . Decorated memo pads, blotters or calendars . . . Christmas corsages.

Teepee Togs

The idea of Teepee Togs came from Iowa where it was successfully carried out by several churches. Large teepees made from brown paper and fishing poles were colorfully decorated and placed in Sunday School departments. The children brought mittens, gloves, scarfs and socks to fasten in and around the teepees. These gifts were all new so that the Indian children could enjoy new things. After collecting these items, the teachers carefully boxed and sent them to workers among the Indians in the Dakotas.

Christmas Family Time

Let your Christmas be a family time. Plan your own family workshop on gifts and cards for one night each week. Make it a gay time and always close with Christmas poetry, stories or songs together. Let father or mother read the Christmas story from the Bible.

Advent Candles

The lighting of the Advent candles is a beautiful Christmas ceremony for the family to practice . Inside a large wreath place the first candle the fourth Sunday before Christmas (Dec. 2). On each succeeding Sunday place another candle. Let us remember that the true Christmas Spirit - the real celebration of the Christ Child's birth - must be kept simple and must include the joys of giving and sharing.

Betty Rayl (Mrs. Perc)

Association News

Warm, dry, fall weather prevailed throughout the Association rounds which began October 2 and ended October 8. Very worthwhile programs were made possible through the leadership of Dr. Harold Hanlin of Micronesia, Dr. Dale Turner, Conference Moderator, Dave Cutting of Doane College and Mrs. Gordon Lancaster.

Southern will meet next fall at Udall with the Rev. Louis Poppe, Moderator. Mr. Raymond Bell of McPherson, Assistant Moderator and the Rev. Julian Johnson, Registrar. The Rev. Penn Chambers is pastor at Udall.

Eastern will meet at Topeka First with the Rev. Ray Catlton Jones as host pastor. Mr. Charles Armstrong of Muscotah is Moderator. Mrs. Boyce Forbes of Topeka Seaman is Assistant Moderator and the Rev. Elmer E. Erickson continues as Registrar.

Western accepted the invitation of the Rev. Samuel Lee and his people at Osborne. Rev. Paul Davis is Moderator. Mr. Phil Felton of Great Bend, Assistant Moderator and the Rev. Malcolm White, Registrar.

Does This Concern You?

Word from the N.Y. office informs us that there is still approximately $1,000,000.00 unpaid on Declarations of Purpose to the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign. On our Kansas Declaration of $75,000.00, there was still a little more than $5000.00 unpaid September first. At least half of this amount is covered by pledges or Declarations which are all past due.

If your church is one whose Declaration is not paid in full, won't you make every effort to pay your pledge by the end of this year? Are there churches, organizations or individuals who would be willing to do a bit more to cover the unpledged portion of our Kansas goal? Only this week our church at Maize sent an additional $40.00 for this purpose. And, finally, are there churches who as yet have not helped in this worthy cause who will give now to put this "over the top"?

The need for these funds is desperate. At a recent meeting less than half the requests for loans could be given consideration. There are projects in Kansas dependent on loans from this fund. Can you help?

Travel With A Purpose In 1957

Puerto Rico - January 7-17; Cost $225.00.

Southern Tour - April 23 - May 7; Cost $175.00.

Mid-American Tour to Church related Colleges - May 1-10; Cost $150.

European Seminar - June 28-Aug. 7; Cost-$1,595.00.

Mexico - August 12-28.

Near East - April 23-May 31; Cost $1,650.00.

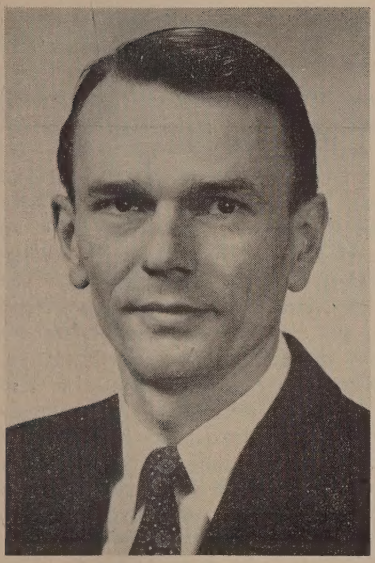
East Asia-April 23-May 26; Cost, $1,995.00.

Through seminars, interviews, and first hand information on the living conditions, religious life and political tensions, these sponsored trips create an understanding and concern much needed in our world. If interested, write the Conference Office for further information.

Installation And Reception

Sunday afternoon and evening, Dec. 2 will feature special events at our new Mayflower Church in Wichita; the installation of the Rev. Elmo Paff as minister and the official reception of the church into Southern Association.

Our new church is a little more than a year old and now has about 70 members with a program which is expanding each week.



Dr. David M. Stowe
Convocation Guest

Ministers' Convocation February 12, 13 and 14

The dates for the 30th Annual Washburn Ministers' Convocation are February 12, 13 and 14. The Rev. Paul Davis and his committee are lining up a very worthwhile program. The speaker for the chapel presentations is the Rev. George Ogden Kirk of Wichita Plymouth. Mr. Kirk, one of the most dynamic speakers in the midwest will bring the chapel presentations to ministers and students on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and will assist with other phases of the program. The Rev. W. Dieter Flemming will serve as Chaplain.

Dr. David M. Stowe of Boston, Education Secretary of the American Board will give leadership to the ministers' sessions. Dr. Stowe, with his wife and two children, were serving as missionaries in North China when the Communists seized power. They stuck to their posts until the summer of 1950 when a serious health problem made it imperative that they return to the United States. While in China they did evangelistic and student work and for a time Dr. Stowe served on the faculty of Yenching University at Peking. Dr. Stowe came to his present post from Carleton College where he served as Chaplain and the Chairman of the Department of Religion.

This annual gathering of Kansas ministers features fellowship and every new minister should make it a "must" on his February calendar. As usual, at least 25 of the out-of-town men will be housed and given breakfast at the MacVicar State Parsonage.

Buck Hill Falls Midwinter Meetings

A number of our Kansas leaders will take part in meetings centered at The Inn at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania late in January.

The Rev. Orville Hepler will attend the Division of Christian Education meeting, January 22-24.

Meeting January 25-28, Mrs. Gordon Lancaster will represent us at the Women's Fellowship, Mr. Ralph Ewing at the Laymen's Fellowship and Dr. L. M. Rymph at the Superintendents Conference.

Meetings of the National Committee on Our Christian World Mission where we will be represented by Mr. Orval Reeves will be held simultaneously with the meetings of the Missions Council, January 28-31.

Orval Reeves To Boston

Early in November, Mr. Orval Reeves of K.C. Welborn, Chairman of the Conference Stewardship Committee spent several days in Boston as a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

"HEARTWARMERS"

Sometimes the more one learns concerning the inner workings of an organization, the less one's heart is warmed. That is not so with me and the Congregational Christian Churches of our State. Since being elected president of our Women's Fellowship, it has been my privilege to attend the State Board of Trustees' meetings. It was, therefore, especially heartwarming;

. . . to attend the meeting in September at the State Parsonage and realize again that the Cause of Christ was the determining factor as item after item was discussed;

. . . to attend all three Association meetings and notice at each one that there was never enough itme. This is good as it indicates the great interest in the many phases of Our Christian World Mission. The first meeting was at Eureka and there we met Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Eureka's new minister and his wife. We literally broke bread together and poured the cup for our neighbors as we shared communion, to close this meeting. The Eastern meeting at Seneca was most stimulating and we appreciated Rev. Fred Smith and his graphic report of General Council. Kinsley folks were hosts for the last meeting and they gave us another example of Western hospitality. It was my good fortune to stay overnight in the beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bentley. Another pleasure was hearing our State Moderator, Dr. Dale Turner, speak at each meeting;

. . . To visit our Wichita Plymouth Fellowship for a second time and to note the earnest efforts of their president, Mrs. Flint, to arouse the interest of every woman in the work of the fellowship and the church;

. . . to go to Battle Creek, Michigan with Gordon, my husband, and have Edith Erickson ride along. We attended our Midwest Regional meeting, October 16-18. The theme was, "The State Conference as a Missionary" and it was especially gratifying to see our own State Superintendent, Dr. L. M. Rymph receive a citation. He also presided at one of the luncheon meetings. We learned of the many services available to us thru our conference offices and learned thru good skits, that the offices have their troubles, too. Midwest Regional will be in Sioux Falls, S.D., next year, around Oct. 20. Why not plan to attend?

. . . to attend the Fall Workshop for the Eastern Region of the E & R Woman's Guild in Zion Church, Kansas City, Kansas. I chose to attend the officers' workshop and I felt very much at home because the same hopes and problems that confront us face these women too; - how shall we interest the young women in our church—how impress on the women the importance of making a complete annual report and getting it in before the the deadline;

. . . to go to Manhattan and spend two hours with a group of their women, discussing ways to pray, praying, disciplines we all need, the study of the Bible. One of our standards of achievement is that there will be at least one prayer group in each church, and it is also my prayer. All we do for our Church and our Fellowship takes on new and sacred meaning when we pray together in His Name;

. . . to learn that a copy of this issue of Congregational Kansas is going to each member (if she isn't already a member) of one of the groups in the Seaman Fellowship. The leader, Mrs. Don Robertson, is making this little magazine her Christmas card to these women:

. . . to wish all who read these words a Christmas that is filled with Christian love. May each Christmas Light you see remind you of the Star that led the other wise man to Christ.

—Vera Lancaster

Friendly Service

We read in our Bibles, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men." (Galatians 6:10)

As we look at our Friendly Service Quota lists this year, we can certainly see the opportunity to do good to quite a group of mankind. As we answer these physical needs let us imagine ourselves as the recipients, let us send love with our gifts and a prayer that our acts may also minister to the spirits of these people. The needs are great, but how can we preach the love of God and not show concern?

This year there are five phases of Friendly Service work to be done.

Each local group should send or do something about the following:

Something for at least 1 home institution.

Something for at least 1 of the American Board Missions.

Something for our Congregational Christian Service Committee.

Something for our Interdenominational Migrant Work.

Hospitality to students from Overseas.

Let us accept our quotas as an opportunity to show our love for God.

—Mrs. G. Waldo Crippen,
Chairman, Friendly Service

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Frank Beam
By McPherson Women's Fellowship
Mrs. J. R. Sargent
Miss Mina Chapman
By Topeka Central Women's Fellowship
Mrs. W. H. Brooks
By Emporia First Women's Fellowship
Mrs. Emma Smith
Mrs. Lizzie Graf
Mrs. Cora Runyan
By Wheaton Women's Fellowship
Mrs. Etta Jane Bidleman
By Kinsley Ladies' Society
Mrs. Lillian Butcher
Mrs. Mary Blasdel
By Hutchinson Women's Fellowship

A Play's The Thing

Has your Women's Fellowship produced a play? Dramatization is a wonderful medium of expression. It can artistically interpret religious thought. It can graphically tell the story about our church and its work around the world.

"It Is Too Difficult!"

You may answer. Have you ever watched little children at play? You will never fail to hear them say, "Let's pretend!" Then the plot develops. Indeed, children of all ages enjoy pretending. If children can do it, certainly adults can too.

"It Takes Too Much Time"

The KC Rosedale women thought not. They wrote a play themselves and then produced it. The School of Missions which was sponsored by the Council of Church Women requested them to give a program using the theme - "Mission, U.S.A." Migrant work is an important part of U. S. Mission work. They assembled material on this chosen subject—Migrants. After careful, cooperative study, they wrote their play and have given it three times.

"Our Women Haven't Any Imagination"

There are plays written for you. The Friendship Press has printed several one-act plays on the mission themes this year. Some of the plays available for loan from the Conference Office are: "Not By Might" and "Jungle Prize" on South East Asia; "Stolen Goods" and "Take Any Street", on current problems; also 4 plays on migrant ministry listed in the October magazine.

"Let's Do It Again!"

This is how the Rosedale women felt. Your fellowship can share their enthusiasm too. Men characters may be cast by women. Better still, this may become an all-church project. Men, women and young people may work together with enjoyment. The audience will be educated about the world task of the church. They will be lifted emotionally. Try it!

Mrs. Orville Hepler,
Chairman, Missionary Education

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Sept. 26, 1956

"Dear Friends:

Receiving the check for $300.00 from the Kansas Women's Fellowship was indeed a happy surprise. It had even more meaning when I saw it was drawn on the Paul Bockoven Memorial Scholarship Fund, because, as most of you know, it was Paul Bockoven who led me into service in the Congregational Church.

In addition to the surprise and delight, there is also a problem. I found the church to which I was called here at Taunton at such low ebb that I felt I must give it full time at present and not enter seminary until second semester. With your approval I will deposit the money in a savings account for use when I enter Andover-Newton Seminary four months from now.

I shall be eternally thankful for the confidence you have placed in me by this generous award."

—Gratefully yours,
Harald Wisegarver

"Dear Friends:

It is with great appreciation that I write this note of thanks to the Women's Fellowship.

It is impossible to express the tremendous help your gift last year gave us. We had not expected to be so fortunate again. The amount we received this year has already solved a great many problems. Thank you.

During the past year, I have realized a great need in the Christian ministry for trained Religious Education Directors. Because of my fond desire to work with young people, I have decided to work for a master's degree in Religious Education this year at P.S.C. We are hoping that upon completion of this year there will be an opening in one of the Kansas churches for such a director.

We hope to return to seminary in a few years and complete work for a B.D. degree.

I thank you once again for giving so unselfishly for my benefit."

Sincerely yours,
Max M. Thomas

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Dick Williams, President **Sibyl Riekenberg, Secretary**

Judy Steinle, Western Secretary

On The Ball!

This term really fits the Western P. F. Secretary, Judy Steinle of Russell. She wrote many personal letters promoting Work Day for Christ in Western and sent a special letter urging attendance at the Emporia Rally.

"Consider Your Call"

That is the emphasis for Youth Week January 27-February 3. These are the words of the Apostle Paul, but they have an eternal newness and urgency. Everyone of us has to make a decision about our life work and no matter what it is, God should have a part in it.

Help your minister plan the Sunday Morning service January 27 with young people in complete charge — young people as ushers, readers, a youth choir and the sermon made up of three or four talks by young people. Make it a truly religious experience. On February 3 join with young people of other denominations in a special service. Youth packets, including a poster, worship services, a manual and a radio play, are available at the Conference Office for 75 cents.

A Great Christmas Custom - Caroling!

Be sure to have one or more caroling parties in your church. If your group is small invite young people and adults—all who want to sing. If this makes more than 30 or 40 people, then divide into more groups. Sing for the shut-ins of your community—the often neglected folks, for whom Christmas is a lonely reminder of the life they once knew.

After an hour or more of singing, gather at the church or a home for chili, pie and coffee or at least hot refreshments.

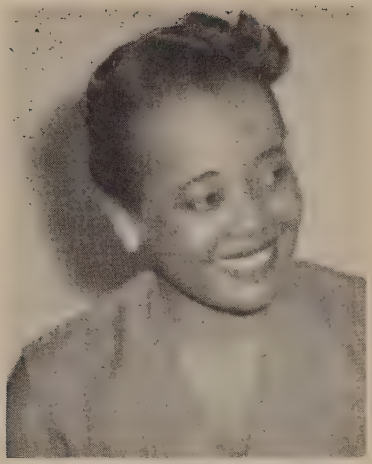
Nothing gives quite the same lift as the singing of the beautiful carols out in the crisp, clear winter air!

Rhythmic Choirs

Five girls at Seneca gave a lovely rhythmic interpretation of "God Who Touchest Earth With Beauty" at the Eastern Association Meeting.

Eight Junior Hi Girls at Sabetha contributed to the worship service with a rhythmic choir number Nov. 8.

A rhythmic group under the leadership of Mrs. Lee Coleman has been organized at Lawrence Plymouth.



Miss Mary Evans - Rally Guest

Emporia Rally

As we go to press, four days before the Statewide Rally, more than 200 reservations have been received at Emporia, but Uncle Steve assures us that they will take care of all.

Featured Workshop Leader is Miss Mary Evans, Director of the Talbott Y.W.C.A. in Wichita. Native of Atlanta, Georgia, Miss Evans is a graduate of Virginia State College. Her name appears in 1951 Who's Who of Students in American Colleges and Universities. She is a member of the Board of Directors of NAACP, the Wichita Urban League and the Community Committee on Social Action. A close friend describes her as dark, dynamic and delightful.

John Graff, National President of Pilgrim Fellowship, student at South Dakota University will fly to Kansas for the Rally.

Be sure to call on the young people who attended the rally from your church to make reports and put some of the program plans into action.

Holiday Helps

"The Story of Thanksgiving" - color filmstrip with script. Traditional and historical. Older primary through adults.

"Thanksgiving With Jesus" - filmstrip with script. Shows how Jesus as a boy might have celebrated.

"Why We Have Thanksgiving" - color filmstrip with script.

"Christmas Around The World" color filmstrip with records. Shows Christmas customs in many lands. Based on poem, "Everywhere, Everywhere, Christmas Tonight."

"Christmas in Puerto Rico" - color filmstrip with script. How Christmas is kept in this tropical land.

"The Christmas Story" - color filmstrip with script giving the traditional Christmas Story.

"Christopher Mouse" - color filmstrip with script. A delightfully different approach to the Christmas story. For children.

"Each With His Own Brush" color filmstrip with records showing the way artists in other countries have interpreted the birth and life of Jesus.

"Harvest From Holidays" -- filmstrip with records. A family film showing one family's use of special holidays.

"Martin the Shoemaker" - color filmstrip with separate script suitable to children or adults. Adapted from story, "Where Love Is, There God Is" by Tolstoi.

"The Three Camels" - slides with script for Primary or Junior age. A Christmas story of three toy camels and three friends.

"When the Littlest Camel Knelt" - color filmstrip with record. A Christmas story appealing to all ages.

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Ralph Ewing
President

Charles Aeschliman
Vice President

Ed. Crans
Secretary-Treasurer

Laymen's Sunday

Osborne's observance of this special day started with a breakfast at which 36 men were guests of the pastor, the Rev. Sam Lee, in the church basement. Mr. Charlie Glenn presided at the Morning Worship Service. Messages on the theme, "The Truth Will Make You Free" were brought by Donald Gregory, Frank Chalk and Donald Peterson. A Men's Quartet furnished special music and other parts were taken by Gay Schroeder, Joe Cunningham, Darrell Seidel and Alfred Poehler.

At Kansas City Ruby the Morning message was brought by E. A. Klingler, Charles Steffens and E. A. Brewer. Others participating were: Dwight Knowlton, Don Singer, Glen Brunk and Gerald Horton. Following a dinner at the church the men went out by teams for the annual Every Member and Friend Canvass.

Sabetha morning worship was led by the laymen who attended the Statewide Laymen's Workshop: Earnest Masterson, Leonard Strahm, George Althaus, Jr., Fred Hollister, Charles Aeschliman, Donald and Vilas Jones.

Laymen's Officers

Southern - Ernest Harris, Udall, Chairman; Ward Runyan, Anthony, Vice Chairman; Raymond Bell, McPherson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Eastern - Perc Rayl, KC Welborn, Chairman; Charles Aeschliman, Sabetha, Vice Chairman.

Western - Carl Georgeson, Lenora, Chairman; Paul Morris, Russell, Vice Chairman.

"Men On The March"

From KC Rosedale Church Visitor

"The old and wise Roman, Cicero, has well said that the difference between an ordinary man and a great man is that the one is inspired.

What God hasn't been able to do across the centuries with a handful of inspired men!

But, alas, such men are difficult to find!

Something encouraging is happening among us. The men who went to the Laymen's Retreat in Topeka (Murphy, Brougham, Hutchinson, Wesley & Dahl) have returned with a new glow about the importance of the church and the Christian Life. They each spoke to a small group of men a week ago Sunday in a way that surprised the minister. They will meet again tonight for more discussion. Let each one of us give them our fullest support so that together we may be able to achieve a new milestone for Christ and His Church."

Walter Graham Speaks

At a meeting of the laymen of the Congregational Churches in greater Kansas City held at First Congregational Church in Missouri on October 30, Mr. Walter Graham was the Guest Speaker. Mr. Graham is Director of the National Laymen's Fellowship of our churches.

Laymen's Rally

About 2500 laymen attended a meetin of the United Church men at the Municipal Auditorium in Topeka on October 14. The Hon. H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, spoke. A Men's Chorus furnished special music.

From Hong Kong

October 20, 1956

"I love Japan, it is so beautiful and the people are so friendly. I stayed in Tokyo a few days with Alden Matthews and the Darley Downs, then took a train to Kyoto where I saw Doshisha University. Then I was at Kobe College after which Frank Cary (brother of Alice) put me on a boat for Matsuyama where the Clarence Gilletts have a school. He was in Wichita several years ago. Then two former Japanese students took me by boat to Hiroshima where the atom bomb exploded. Peace Bridge and Monument very unusual and pictures of disaster heart rending. Train back to Kobe, then to Tokyo, again with the Downs'. Visited International Christian University which will graduate first class in March. Wonderful venture . . . I go from here to Philippines, there Oct. 23 to Nov. 15."

—Hortense B. C. Gibson

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"TOMORROW" Will Be Here Soon!

The newsletter, "Tomorrow" will be distributed to local church religious education workers early in November. Mrs. Carl Georgeson of Lenora, Chairman of the Conference Christian Education Committee, is the editor. It will contain many helpful program suggestions and news items of interest to youth workers as well as teachers in church school. Send a list of the leaders you wish to have included on the mailing list, to the Conference office.

Mound City

The Evangelism Committee under the leadership of the Rev. Chas. Baar conducted a Visitation Evangelism Program November 11-18.

Seabrook Calls D.R.E.

Mrs. John Schlarb has accepted a position with Seabrook Church and is giving part-time to direction of the Church School program. Since moving into the new building, the Church School has reached an enrollment of 400, making added help a necessity. Mrs. Schlarb is a graduate of Schauffler College and has studied also at Chicago Theological Seminary. For seven years she served on the staff of the South Dakota State Conference.

Mr. Schlarb is a counselor with the Kansas Employment Service. The Schlarb's have a son, Dickie, age seven.

Sedgwick

Good reports come to us from Sedgwick where the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. J. Penner give leadership. Mrs. Penner, an outstanding musician, teaches music at Walton. On the evening of September 2, the Penner's were received into membership of the church by the Rev. Orville Hepler of the Conference Staff.

College Student Rally

The United Student Fellowship will have a fall rally at Plymouth Church in Wichita on December 8 and 9 beginning at 11 A.M., Saturday and lasting until Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Bryant Drake, the Congregational Christian Secretary of Higher Education will be present as a resource leader. Robert S. Moore, Associate Dean of Students of Chicago Theological Seminary will be a key speaker.

All Kansas Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed College Students are invited to attend. Reservations must be in to Rev. Charles Burns, host minister, First at Clifton, by December 3. Each person will pay for meals which will be served at cost.

Dedication Day

Rev. Orville Hepler — Rev. Homer Cox
Rev. A. H. Bartter

Little River Dedicates New Church

Members and friends of the Little River Church participated in the Dedication of their church building on Sunday, October 14. The Rev. Orville M. Hepler, Assistant State Superintendent, spoke at the eleven o'clock service on "The Task, The Tools and the Time." Following the morning service a covered dish luncheon was held.

The afternoon program included the presentation of the keys of the church to the Board of Trustees by Mr. Edwards of the Plye Construction Company. Dean Anderson and Ginger Hulet played a medley of selections on two sets of Swiss Bells. The Rev. Alfred E. Bartter of McPherson, talked on, "The Church of the Future". At the close of his address he presented the Little River Church with a large framed copy of Sallman's head of Christ, on behalf of the McPherson Church.

The Rev. Homer Cox, led the congregation in the service and prayer of dedication. Mr. Gordon Jones, of Wichita, past-moderator of the Conference, gave the Benediction.

More than 200 persons participated in each service, a number of whom were out of town guests. The spacious new building will provide for a vigorous forward emphasis program for years to come.

Family Camp Dates Set

The 1957 Kansas Family Camp will be held at Estes Park from the 14th to 20th of July. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Felton of Great Bend will be Directors of the camp.

Your church should see that a family is chosen to represent it at the camp. You can encourage a family to attend by providing a scholarship fund to assist in their expenses. A number of churches have furnished a minimum of $50.00 to underwrite the cost for a family. Publicize the dates at once as vacation plans for many are made early.

New Filmstrip

"Puerto Rico. U.S.A." - color filmstrip with record. The Board of Home Missions takes an interested group on a missions study tour of Puerto Rico. Available at Conference Office, 923 Kansas Ave., Topeka.

Board Of Trustees Receive Keys

L to R: Dale Oswalt, Guy Buchanan, Mr. Edwards (Builder) Pete Peterson, Jim Bush and Tom Hitchings.

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Pacific School of Religion
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Berkeley 9, Calif.

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For less than a penny a pound, our churches send food from our vast national surplus for free distribution to the millions of hungry and destitute overseas as a gift from the people of the United States to the undernourished of the world.

Distribution of the foodstuffs by our religious agencies is on such an efficient basis that every dollar given through our churches sends more than 100 pounds of food to hungry men, women and children.

Send gifts through the Conference Office for Second Mile Credit.

Thoughts To Live By

There is really nothing wrong with this old world that a good dose of love of God couldnt cure.

This is the basis of all of our human relations. Jesus said, "Who says he loves God and hates his fellowman is a liar."

This is exactly why Christianity is on trial all over the world. For over one hundred years we tried to evangelize a world with our little, confusing concepts of God and His wishes, only to find the world judging us by our spirit.

One thing is certain - the piling up of surplus foods which we can never eat, in the face of millions going to bed starving each night in our lifetime, the continued preparation for mass destruction spear-headed by the so-called Christian nations, has left the world apathetic concerning our Gospel of the Prince of Peace, who spoke of the God of all races of men as a God of Love.

—George Ogden Kirk